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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Regarding the Notice of Allowability issued January 6, 2006, for the above-identified application, Applicants wish to provide the following Comments on the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance.

During previous correspondence (original telephonic discussion - December 2004) with the Examiner during prosecution of the present application, verification and clarification were requested regarding the status of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 29, 2003, and the Examiner confirmed entry of the Preliminary Amendment. However, several requests by Applicants were subsequently made in writing for confirmation that the subject matter (Figures 15-18 and changes to original paragraphs [65], [66] and [67] in the Specification) of the Preliminary Amendment in question did not raise any new matter issues.

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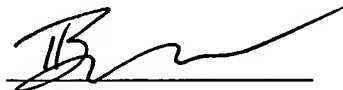
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Since the Office has been silent regarding any further concerns regarding the Preliminary Amendment in question, Applicants conclude that the Office has found that there are no new matter issues related to the Preliminary Amendment. Applicants are, therefore, allowing the related copending companion application to go abandoned (Serial No. 10/746,526, filed December 23, 2003, having the same claims 1-20 of the present application). If the Examiner has any questions regarding these comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' Attorney, Ian F. Burns, at (775) 826-6160.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'IB' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

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